close all or any portion of a park area to subsistence uses of a particular fish or wildlife population only if necessary for reasons of public safety, administration, or to assure the continued viability of such population. For purposes of this section, the term "temporarily" shall mean only so long as reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of the closure

(b) If the Superintendent determines that an emergency situation exists and that extraordinary measures must be taken for public safety or to assure the continued viability of a particular fish or wildlife population, the Superintendent may immediately close all or any portion of a park area to the subsistence uses of such population. Such emergency closure shall be effective when made, shall be for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and may not subsequently be extended unless the Superintendent establishes, after notice and public hearing in the affected vicinity and other locations as appropriate, that such closure should be ex-

(c) Notice of administrative actions taken pursuant to this section, and the reasons justifying such actions, shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the State and in at least one local newspaper if available, and information about such actions and reasons also shall be made available for broadcast on local radio stations in a manner reasonably calculated to inform local rural residents in the affected vicinity. All closures shall be designated on a map which shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent of the affected park area and the post office or postal authority of every affected community within or near the park area, or by the posting of signs in the vicinity of the restrictions, or both.

§ 13.495 Application procedures for subsistence permits and aircraft exceptions.

(a) Any person applying for the subsistence permit required by \$13.440(a), or the exception to the prohibition on aircraft use provided by \$13.450(b)(2), shall submit his/her application to the Superintendent of the appropriate na-

tional park or monument. If the applicant is unable or does not wish to submit the application in written form, the Superintendent shall provide the applicant an opportunity to present the application orally and shall keep a record of such oral application. Each application must include a statement which acknowledges that providing false information in support of the application is a violation of Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and additional statements or documentation which demonstrates that the applicant satisfies the criteria set forth in §13.440(a) for a subsistence permit or §13.450(b)(2) for the aircraft exception, as appropriate. Except in extraordinary cases for good cause shown, the Superintendent shall decide whether to grant or deny the application in a timely manner not to exceed forty-five (45) days following the receipt of the completed application. Should the Superintendent deny the application, he/she shall include in the decision a statement of the reasons for the denial and shall promptly forward a copy to the applicant.

(b) An applicant whose application has been denied by the Superintendent has the right to have his/her application reconsidered by the Alaska Regional Director by contacting the Regional Director within 180 days of the issuance of the denial. The Regional Director may extend the 180-day time limit to initiate a reconsideration for good cause shown by the applicant. For purposes of reconsideration, the applicant shall present the following information:

- (1) Any statement or documentation, in addition to that included in the initial application, which demonstrates that the applicant satisfies the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this section:
- (2) The basis for the applicant's disagreement with the Superintendent's findings and conclusions; and
- (3) Whether or not the applicant requests an informal hearing before the Regional Director.
- (c) The Regional Director shall provide a hearing if requested by the applicant. After consideration of the written materials and oral hearing, if any, and within a reasonable period of

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time, the Regional Director shall affirm, reverse, or modify the denial of the Superintendent and shall set forth in writing the basis for the decision. A copy of the decision shall be forwarded promptly to the applicant and shall constitute final agency action.

Subpart G [Reserved]

Subpart H—Special Regulations— Alagnak Wild River

§ 13.550 Wildlife distance conditions.

- (a) Approaching a bear or any large mammal within 50 yards is prohibited.
- (b) Continuing to occupy a position within 50 yards of a bear that is using a concentrated food source, including, but not limited to, animal carcasses, spawning salmon, and other feeding areas is prohibited.
- (c) Continuing to engage in fishing within 50 yards of a bear is prohibited.
- (d) The prohibitions in this section do not apply to persons—
- (1) Engaged in a legal hunt;
- (2) On a designated bear viewing structure;
- (3) In compliance with a written protocol approved by the Superintendent;
- (4) Who are otherwise directed by a park employee.

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Subpart I—Special Regulations— Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve

§13.602 Subsistence resident zone.

The following communities and areas are included within the resident zone for Aniakchak National Monument: Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Meshik, and Port Heiden.

§ 13.604 Wildlife distance conditions.

- (a) Approaching a bear or any large mammal within 50 yards is prohibited.
- (b) Continuing to occupy a position within 50 yards of a bear that is using a concentrated food source, including, but not limited to, animal carcasses, spawning salmon, and other feeding areas is prohibited.
- (c) Continuing to engage in fishing within 50 yards of a bear is prohibited.

- (d) The prohibitions do not apply to persons—
- (1) Engaged in a legal hunt;
- (2) On a designated bear viewing structure:
- (3) In compliance with a written protocol approved by the Superintendent;
- (4) Who are otherwise directed by a park employee.

[71 FR 69333, Nov. 30, 2006, as amended at 73 FR 3186, Jan. 17, 2008]

Subpart J—Special Regulations— Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

§ 13.702 Off-Road Vehicles.

The use of off-road vehicles for purposes of reindeer grazing may be permitted in accordance with a permit issued by the Superintendent.

Subpart K—Special Regulations— Cape Krusenstern National Monument

§13.802 Subsistence resident zone.

The following area is included within the resident zone for Cape Krusenstern National Monument: The NANA Region.

Subpart L—Special Regulations— Denali National Park and Preserve

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§ 13.902 Subsistence resident zone.

The following communities and areas are included within the resident zone for Denali National Park addition: Cantwell (limited to the area within a 3-mile radius of the Cantwell post office as shown on a map available at the park visitor center), Minchumina, Nikolai, and Telida.

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§13.903 Subsistence use of off-road vehicles

Operating a motor vehicle off road is prohibited except by authorized residents as defined in this section when engaged in subsistence uses. For purposes of this section, "authorized residents" means residents of the Cantwell